## Hospice Newsletter



September 2023

Choose people you know and care you trust. Choose Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

## Getting to know Rev. Tom McCann, MDiv, VP of Ancillary Services and Executive Director of IMH Foundation









- Tom has served in a number of capacities at IMH over the years since 1992, such as Iroquois Memorial Hospice Chaplain and, since 2021, as Vice President of Ancillary Services, which includes overseeing Iroquois Memorial Hospice.
- Before his current role at IMH, he was Administrator at Prairieview Lutheran Homes. Tom also serves as Bivocational Pastor of the Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene.
- He and his wife, Judy, have been married for 41 years and they have four adult children and six grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and taking family vacations to Florida.
- Tom says "my therapy is riding my 1999 Yamaha Royal Star motorcycle" on which he rode the Tail of the Dragon, a course with 318 turns in 11 miles.
- Tom looks forward to a trip to Israel this Fall.
- He is excited about Iroquois Memorial Hospital recently receiving the Critical Access Hospital designation.
- His vision for Iroquois Memorial Hospice is to expand our service network, thereby serving more families in one of the most difficult times of life.
- Tom, thank you for your leadership and advocacy for Iroquois Memorial Hospice as we too desire to grow and serve more families!

## Community Prayer Gathering - September 27, 2023

The Community Prayer Gathering will be held this year on Wednesday, September 27 at 8:00 AM at the IMH flagpole, located at the corner of East Fairman Avenue and South Fourth Street in Watseka. This event will be in unity with the global See You at the Pole™ (SYATP) prayer event. SYATP is a student initiated, student organized, and student led meeting to pray at the flagpole of the school they attend. Our Community Prayer Gathering will meet on the day of the SYATP prayer event, September 27, and will also focus on praying for our youth, their schools, their teachers, administrators, and staff. However, our Community Prayer Gathering will be led by area Pastors instead of students.



## A Life Celebrated - Ida Rascher



A Life Celebrated is an opportunity for loved ones to share memories with others. "My mother, Ida Rascher raised 7 children starting in 1946, and I don't remember her ever complaining about all of the hard work that was required. In a time when you used a wringer washer and no clothes dryer, on wash day the double clothes lines on three sides of the house would be completely filled.

She wasn't just a mother to her children, she was also a farm wife, which meant she helped with the farm chores wherever necessary. She was the happiest when she was helping someone else. She led a life of faith in Jesus Christ and service to her community. Her life wasn't easy, it included a lot of heartbreak and loss, but through it all she showed us what a strong self-reliant woman looks like. A wonderful role model to her children and grandchildren. Never give up, with God all things are possible." – Nancy Drook, Daughter